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**YUBA CITY WOMAN SENTENCED TO TWENTY-SEVEN MONTHS PRISON IN
EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that LISA ANN BRAMBLE, 42, of Yuba City, was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to twenty-seven months in prison in connection with an embezzlement scheme she participated in. As part of her sentence, BRAMBLE was also ordered to pay \$226,786 in restitution to Sierra Central Credit Union.

On August 26, 2003, BRAMBLE pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement from a financial institution. As an accounting specialist with Sierra Central Credit Union, BRAMBLE maintained daily balance sheets and handled accounts payable, and was also responsible for checking the monthly reports regarding the status of funds that should have been moved from the credit union's corporate checking accounts to the general ledger accounts. As part of her plea agreement, BRAMBLE admitted that she utilized her position at the credit union to make multiple transfers from Sierra Central's corporate checking accounts into bank accounts which she controlled.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James P. Arguelles and investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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